GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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HIGH SECURITY NUMBER PLATES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments are required to implement high security number plates for all vehicles as directed by the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the State Governments thereto; and

(c) the number of State Governments which have implemented the said directives?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Hon`ble Supreme Court have upheld the rules for introduction of High Security Registration Plates in their Judgment on 30-11-2004 and have also upheld the right of the States to select a capable vendor to implement the scheme.

The role of the Central Government is limited to prescribing the specifications of the High Security Registration Plates, authorizing the testing agencies to give Type Approval to the vendors and notifying the date of implementation of these plates. The States are responsible to implement the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Rules made thereunder.

(b) Some of the States had requested for further extension of time beyond 31st May, 2005 to implement the scheme. It has been clarified to all States/Union Territories that no postponement of the prescribed date for introduction of high security registration plates is envisaged.

(c) As per the information available, so far, none of the States/Union Territories have implemented the scheme.